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(C) On June 5, Charge and Poloff delivered reftel demarche to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Osman Dirderi, and Poloff delivered it as well to the Rapporteur of the Advisory Council for Human Rights, Dr. Abdelmoniem Taha. Dirderi accepted the demarche, but expressed some unhappiness that this bad news came in the wake of the DPA signing, for which Sudan expects some amelioration in bilateral relations. Taha responded that he expected Sudan to be placed on Tier 3 as usual. Poloff highlighted that in 2005, Sudan was placed on Tier 2 Watchlist; however, in 2006 the government has decreased its efforts to combat trafficking in persons. Taha refuted the camel jockey problem saying it was the responsibility of the family not the government. He also denied the link between abduction and slavery. Taha said that he would study the report and provide feedback to the Embassy. STEINFELD